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IDAHO STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND ABCTE PLAN "BECOME A TEACHER" INFORMATION SESSIONS- JANUARY 17-19

Boise, Idaho (January 3, 2006) — The Idaho State Board of Education and the American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence (www.abcte.org) will hold information sessions for individuals who want to become teachers in Idaho, January 17-19, 2006 in Boise, Idaho Falls, and Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

At the sessions, attendees can meet with American Board certification counselors to discuss how they can earn their teacher certification. Individuals can pre-register to attend the events at www.abcte.org/events

The American Board offers the *Passport to Teaching*SM certification program that is recognized by the State of Idaho as a route to full state certification. *Passport to Teaching* allows highly knowledgeable professionals with bachelor's degrees the opportunity to change careers and become teachers. *Passport to Teaching* certification offers individualized preparation process; no additional college courses are required.

The information sessions will take place from 5-8 p.m. at the following locations:

January 17thJanuary 18thJanuary 19thCapitol High SchoolIdaho Falls High SchoolCanfield Middle School8055 Goddard Road601 S. Holmes Ave.E. 1800 Dalton AveBoise, ID 83704Idaho Falls, ID 83401Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815

Individuals interested in attending the events are encouraged to register online at http://www.abcte.org/events or call 1-877-669-2228 for more information

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The American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence (www.abcte.org) was created in 2001 to address the need for a highly qualified teacher in every American classroom. The American Board offers the rigorous, five-step *Passport to Teaching* Certification process for knowledgeable and motivated individuals entering the teaching field. *Passport to Teaching* offers individualized learning plans for teaching candidates to complement the knowledge and skills they have obtained through previous work experience.